

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has agreed to allow the Applicant(s) to file the Preliminary Amendment, along with the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, in order to respond to the Final Office Action mailed March 2, 2007. Applicant(s) have scheduled an interview with the Examiner on June 6, 2007.

New claim 37 is supported by Figure 1, bottom left entitled "Ligated Raman probe On chip" where the chip has capture probe 20 attached to the chip, DNA fragment 10 of target nucleic acid is attached to the capture probe 20, wherein the DNA fragment 10 a single stranded overhang, and Raman active oligonucleotide probes 40 are attached to the single stranded overhang.

**Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. §103**

A substantive response will be filed subsequent to the interview of June 6, 2007.

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